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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Antonio BOSETTO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3762  
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Application No.: 09/913,857 ) Examiner: BIANCO, Patricia  
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Filed: December 12, 2001 )  
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For: DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR ) Confirmation No.: 5464  
DETERMINING BLOOD )  
RECIRCULATION IN A )  
VASCULAR ACCESS )

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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2004, the period for response to which extends through October 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Reply.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this Reply.

**Attachments** to this Reply include:

(1) a Replacement Abstract.